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Customer No. 01333 # 4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
DECIDING WHEN TO CORRECT
IMAGE-SPECIFIC DEFECTS
BASED ON CAMERA, SCENE,
DISPLAY AND DEMOGRAPHIC
DATA

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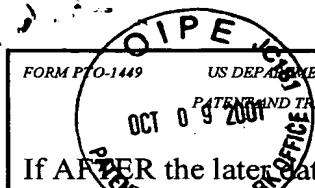
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